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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/886,350

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Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.